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# Food for CHILDREN

- in pre-school centers
- in summer programs



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## What Kind of Assistance?

- Cash reimbursement from Federal funds for food purchased.  
Up to a maximum rate of: 15¢ for each breakfast  
30¢ for each lunch or supper  
10¢ for supplemental food served between meals
- Financial help to buy or rent necessary equipment. Institutions must pay at least one-fourth of the equipment costs. In cases of severe need financing of up to 80 percent of the operating costs may be considered.
- USDA-donated foods, depending on the amounts and kinds available.
- Technical assistance and guidance to establish and operate a program.

## Nutritional Requirements

One, all, or any combination of the following meals may be served.

Minimum portions of basic food groups, according to ages of children, must be served.

**Breakfast**—Milk; fruit or juice; and a serving of bread, rolls, etc., or a cereal.

**Lunch or Supper**—Milk; meat or other protein-rich food; two or more vegetables or fruits; a serving of bread, rolls, etc.; and a serving of butter or margarine.

**Supplemental Food**—Milk, fruit, or vegetable juice; and a serving of bread, rolls, or cereal, etc., between meals.

Emphasis is on nutritional improvement.

## \* The Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Food Service Program for Children is a three-year pilot program, authorized by a 1968 amendment to the National School Lunch Act. It is a concentrated effort to assist in improving the nutritional status of both pre-school and school age children.

## \* The Goal

To safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children.

# SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

## \* Who is Eligible?

Public and nonprofit private institutions such as day-care centers, settlement houses, and recreation centers that provide day-care for children from low-income areas, or from areas with many working mothers. Summer day camps and similar recreational programs may also apply. In-residence institutions are not eligible.

## To Participate

Institutions approved for participation must enter into a written agreement that they will:

- Operate a nonprofit food service for all children regardless of race, color, or national origin.



- Serve meals which meet minimum requirements as prescribed by USDA.
- Supply free or reduced-price meals to children unable to pay the full charge. Such recipients will be designated on a uniform, equitable basis by the service institution, without being identified or discriminated against in any way.



# For more information...

Service institutions in the following States should apply to the appropriate USDA District Office as listed.

Service institutions located in other States may apply directly to the State Educational Agency in their capital city.



District Office  
Consumer Food Programs  
Consumer and Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10007

**NORTHEAST**  
Maine  
New Hampshire



District Office  
Consumer Food Programs  
Consumer and Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1795 Peachtree Road, NE.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

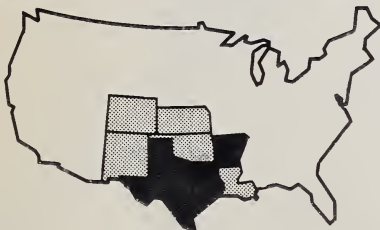
**SOUTHEAST**  
Georgia  
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Tennessee  
Virginia  
Virgin Islands



### **MIDWEST**

Iowa  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Wisconsin

District Office  
Consumer Food Programs  
Consumer and Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
536 South Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60605



### **SOUTHWEST**

Arkansas  
Texas

District Office  
Consumer Food Programs  
Consumer and Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
500 South Ervay Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201



### **WESTERN**

Idaho  
Montana  
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Oregon  
Washington

District Office  
Consumer Food Programs  
Consumer and Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
630 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California 94111

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